

Senate Bill No. 1253

Passed the Senate May 18, 2006

Secretary of the Senate

Passed the Assembly August 10, 2006

Chief Clerk of the Assembly

This bill was received by the Governor this _____ day
of _____, 2006, at _____ o'clock ____M.

Private Secretary of the Governor

CHAPTER _____

An act to add Section 422.3 to the Government Code, relating to wine.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1253, Migden. Historic wine.

Existing law establishes the state flag and the state's emblems, including, among other things, the golden poppy as the official state flower and the California redwood as the official state tree.

This bill would establish "zinfandel" as the historic wine of California.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

(a) Zinfandel wine arrived in California at the time of the Gold Rush. Zinfandel quickly became a favorite drink of the Gold Rush miners and has consistently been one of the most popular selling varietals. The only place in the world to find "Old Vine" zinfandel is in California.

(b) Zinfandel's popularity and consistently strong sales have elevated the popularity of previously unknown, but identical local wines in Italy and Croatia. Zinfandel has a wide variety of flavors that complement the culinary and cultural diversity of California. Zinfandels have consistently performed well at national and international wine judging competitions.

(c) Zinfandel's cultural and historical contribution to California and its importance to California's wine industry make it worthy of recognition as California's historic wine.

SEC. 2. Section 422.3 is added to the Government Code, to read:

422.3. "Zinfandel" is the historic wine of California.

Approved _____, 2006

Governor